

ELECTRICIANS' EXAMINING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: January 15, 2016
Meeting Location: Central Conference Room, State of Maine – Gardiner Annex
Northern Avenue, Gardiner, Maine

Meeting Began: 8:06 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers:

The following members were present:

Gerard Caron
Don Berry
Brian McDougal
Peter Wilson

The following member(s) were absent:

Earl Sherwood
Ryan Morgan

Staff Present:

Catherine Carroll, Board Administrator
Harley Murray, Board Clerk
Raymond Stanford, Senior Electrical Inspector

AAG Present:

Christopher Mann

Election of Board Chair

A motion was made by Don Berry to re-nominate Brian McDougal as Board Chair.

No other nominations were made.

Motion: Don Berry
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to accept the November 20, 2015 minutes as presented.

Motion: Gerard Caron
Second: Don Berry

Motion carried

Presentation of Decision and Order 2015-ELE-10966 Randy MacWhinnie

A motion was made to accept the Decision and Order as presented.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

Senior Inspector's Report

Senior Inspector, Raymond Stanford reported that he and the other inspectors have been working with the exam vendor on developing exam questions. Raymond presented statistics from 2015 as follows: there were 5,149 site visits, 20% of which had violations. This seems to be a consistent number of violations. There were 132 complaint investigations. Raymond also reviewed the "incidental work" exception in §1201-A and asked the board for clarification on applying this provision in the field. The Board, after discussion, recommended that Raymond and Chris Mann develop language that would specify what is considered incidental work such as "replacing lights and switches", and to not include scheduled work.

Adjudicatory Hearing – #2015-ELE-11492 – William Flynn

The hearing commenced at 9:11 a.m. and closed for deliberation at 9:41 a.m. William Flynn was present and was not represented by counsel.

The Board reviewed the application and exhibits to determine if Mr. Flynn is rehabilitated to warrant the public trust.

A motion was made to find that William Flynn proved rehabilitation to warrant public trust.

Motion: Peter Wilson
Second: Gerard Caron
Unanimous

Administrator's Report

Catherine Carroll provided a progress report on the inspectors work in electrician exam development with Prov. The goal is to start administering master, journeyman, and limited to house wiring exams in February 2016. There is also ongoing work being performed on making improvements to the electrical permit application.

Other Business

There has been recent communication between the Board and NERA (National Electrical Reciprocal Alliance) to use the NERA website to communicate and perform license verifications between other states in which there is a reciprocity agreement. The Board chair and administrative staff plan to participate in the February 17th NERA teleconference.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the January 15, 2016 meeting at 11:30 am.

Motion: Gerard Caron
Second: Don Berry
Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Harley Murray, Board Clerk